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Subject: Revised Mandatory Guidelines FR DOCKET 04-7984

Hello,

I'm writing to let you know that I'm a paruretic and that the new regulations proposed for Drug Testing in the workplace are absolutely unfair and discriminatory toward people with paruresis. The reason for this is that while you are allowing for alternative testing in the form of hair, saliva and patches, you are requiring these tests in addition to a urine sample! What is the logic behind that?

Paruresis is a documented psychological condition. It is a social phobia, just like other social phobias such as public speaking. Just because someone is physically unable to urinate (to "produce" a urine sample on demand) does not mean that s/he is refusing to urinate. I would like to request MANDATORY use of oral fluid, hair, or sweat tests for anyone who requests them, but especially for those asserting that they suffer from paruresis.

thank you,

sincerely,
Dharmesh Mandalia

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